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SUBJ: MALTA FIR

REF: ROME 11867; LONDON A-523, APRIL 4, 1972

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH BRIT HICOMOFF ON ANOTHER MATTER, EMBOFF ASKED ABOUT SUBJECT AND WAS TOLD THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS EXCEPT THAT IN RECENT WEEKS THERE HAD BEEN A NUMBER OF LIBYANS IN MALTA TO OBSERVE RAF CONTROL TOWER OPERATIONS.

2. COMMENT: IT IS LIKELY THAT GOI REPORTS CAME FROM ITALIAN AIR FORCE OFFICER WHO ARE HERE UNDER UNDP AUSPICES TO ASSIST MALTESE IN OPERATING FIR. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN MALTA FIR EXCEPT FOR LIBYAN CONTROL OF AMBER 26, I.E., AIR ROUTE BETWEEN TRIPOLI AND BENGHAZI.

3. CONFIDENTIAL ANNEX(SEE REFAIR) TO UK-MALTA AGREEMENT (PAGES A-27, 28) ON MALTA FIR SAYS INTER
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ALIA, THAT "GOM WILL MAINTAIN AND CONTROL, THROUGH-

OUT THE CONTINUANCE OF THE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT
TO USE OF MILITARY FACILITIES IN MALTA, A FIR AND
WILL OPERATE THE MALTA FLIGHT INFORMATION CENTER
AT LUQA WITH DULY COMPETENT PERSONNEL WHO WILL BE
NATIONALS OF MALTA OR OF STATES PARTY TO NORTH
ATLANTIC TREATY."

4. WE BELIEVE THAT MATTER SHOULD BE MATTER OF
HMG/GOI CONSULTATIONS AS WELL. WE WOULD HAVE ONLY
VERY LIMITED LEVERAGE WITH GOM UNLESS WE COULD
PRESENT STRONG CASE BASED ON GROUNDS OF INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY, WHICH IN ANY CASE MIGHT BEST
BE TAKEN UP IN ICAO. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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